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ROCKYFORD NEWS

Miss Margaret and Johnny Cammaert spent the Christmas holiday at home from their respective schools.

Howard Rappel is holidaying at home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Cammaert spent a short Christmas holiday visiting friends at Saskatoon, Sask.

We're sorry to hear that Miss La Rue Brown was rushed to the hospital Monday afternoon. Congratulations to Miss Caroline Katterhagen and Mr. Donnie Dakm on their recent engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Goss, of High River, were visiting friends and relations.

Miss Marjorie Roppel, of Calgary, spent the holiday at home.

There was a fairly good turnout at the New Year's dance at Rockyford, Sunday night, even though it was very cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lunn and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tannas are visiting friends and relatives at High River.



By Dr. F. L. Giessey
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A Permanent Prairie Agriculture

Permanency in agriculture is the goal that every farmer in Western Canada should work toward in 1950 and in the years ahead. It means an agriculture that is stable and secure for farm and farmer. It is a goal to be sought if Western Canada is to maintain its position as one of the major food-producing areas of the world.

It Can Be Done. Undoubtedly the most important factor leading to permanency in agriculture is the proper use and care of the soil. Our prairie soils are being depleted constantly by losses from erosion, and by crops that are being continually removed from them. These losses can be checked through the wise application of our knowledge about soil conservation, and through the use by western farmers of soil management and cropping practices that insure sustained production. In almost every community in the Prairie Provinces, farm practices have been devised, and are being used successfully by individual farmers, to prevent losses from soil erosion. In other words, it can be done.

Many Problems Solved. Tremendous strides have been made in recent years in bringing soil erosion under control. The farmer of today can offset, and on some soils more than offset, the factors of soil deterioration by the factors of soil improvement. To accomplish the balance between these forces he has many aids and practices: Crop rotation, green-manure crops, natural and mineral fertilizers, strip cropping, shelter belts, late cover-crops on summerfallow, the cultivation of fallows only with long blade or wide subsoil cultivators that leave soil-protecting crop-residue on the surface. And, for the inclusion with all these—as a part of them, in fact—he has forage crops. Around forage crops, prairie farmers can best organize their grain crop production so as to permit efficient farm practices that lead to the desired goal—permanency in agriculture.

We have enough good land left in this country to keep us prosperous if we conserve it while using it. But we must conserve it now—not next year, but in 1950. Yes, everybody in Western Canada has a stake in a permanent prairie agriculture.



How can any little girl have too many dolls? This little lady did not complain when Santa Claus brought her another doll.

Provincially Speaking

Albertans wagered \$3,845,579 through pari mutuel windows on the gee gees in 1949. This was an increase of nearly \$400,000 over 1948 (\$3,447,771). For 43 days of racing, compared with 39 last year, prize money amounted to \$220,360, approximately \$22,000 more. Edmonton bet \$2,084,124 on their guesses and Calgary \$1,758,649.

Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, the Co-operative Milk Company of Calgary and the Alberta Dairy Pool of Red Deer merged, effective Dec. 1. . . Those who may have wondered why provincial government officials go dashing agitatedly about at the first rumor of a rat in Alberta will understand the reason more clearly if they listen to J. H. Brown, entomologist with the Alberta health department. A rat invasion would cost the province \$20,000,000 annually, and one pair of rats could, if he survived, have 3,500,000 offspring, he says.

George McIvor, chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, has informed the Alberta Wheat Pool that there is a distinct possibility that world wheat supplies will develop. From a producer's standpoint, the world wheat situation was already back to normal. . . The oil pipe line from Edmonton to Regina should be completed by next fall, according to G. L. Stewart, president of Imperial Oil Company. At the outset, about 100,000 barrels of oil daily will be put into the line at Edmonton.

Sugar content in beets in southern Alberta is averaging only 14.5 per cent this year compared to 17 per cent last year. . . Alberta hospitals will get \$38,000 worth of

C.N.R. Cuts Prairie Rail Service

BEISEKER — The Canadian National Railways announced curtailment of its service in western Canada. Daily service between Edmonton and Calgary, which gave Beiseker train service every second day in each direction, will be reduced. It now means Beiseker will get only two trains each week to Edmonton and two to Calgary.

Reason for reduction in train service is given as shortage of coal in the Eastern United States, although rail lines in Alberta use western coal.

Flyers Heading For A Greater Scoring Season

During their 48-game schedule last season Edmonton Flyers scored 262 goals and 363 assists for a total of 625 points.

The entire team amassed a total of 695 minutes in penalties.

Colin Kilburn, present scoring leader tallied 24 goals during the entire 1948-49 season — the same number that he has garnered thus far this season. Last year he scored 37 assists, but this term he has a credit of 13 so far.

In the case of Dougie Anderson, last year he tallied 16 goals and has 11 goals and 25 assists.

Bing Merluk with 16 goals and 14 assists so far this year accounted for 21 goals and 41 assists last

X-ray equipment from Christmas Seal funds. Lamont, Lloydminster, Lethbridge, St. Michael's, Calgary's Holy Cross and Edmonton's Royal Alexandra hospitals will benefit. Object is to provide 50c X-rays for all patients who enter hospitals for discovery of TB.

Around Wainwright apparently even safebeliving has its season. The R.C.M.P. detachment issued a warning to businessmen to be on the watch "as this was the time of year for these people to be particularly active".

Covering all sections of the province, a total of 4,890 miles of roads have been improved this year according to the public works department. Total outlay was \$3,870,000. Central and northern roads accounted for \$1,830,004 and the area south of Red Deer for \$1,256,996. With 209 miles of hard surfacing of main highways also completed, cost of the 1949 highway is unofficially estimated as more than \$13,000,000, highest in provincial history.

Amount spent on roads almost exactly equals revenue for the 1948-49 fiscal year from gasoline tax and automobile and truck licenses, which totalled \$13,353,448. License fees amounted to \$4,775,876 and collections under Fuel Oil Tax Act, \$8,577,567.

The average American working man can buy more food for an hour's labor than the average working man of any other nation—except Australia, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

And about this time of the year,

it is traditional for him to try and prove that he can also eat more than any other average man.

Markets in Danger

The Rt. Hon. Jas. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, made a surprising statement at Brantford, Ontario, on December 6th. "An official effort is being made by Britain," said Mr. Gardiner, "to squeeze several Canadian food products out of the British market."

Mr. Gardiner was most indignant and disappointed, and well he might be, for no doubt he was thinking of how much our prairie farmers had lost in the last three years in supplying Britain with wheat at far less than the market price.

Those, however, who have studied governments are not surprised at Britain's action, for if there is one thing history shows it is that there is never any gratitude in governments for past favors; and that reliance on hopes that governments will make up for any previous losses sustained by farmers, or by anyone else, is depending on a broken reed.

All this, too, is one more piece of evidence to show how governmental economic agreements usually in the end tend to hamper trade, and seldom if ever tend to advance it. The less governments interfere with the people's economic affairs, the better it will be for our farmers and for all of us, for then no economic favors will be given or expected, and so no disappointments suffered.

season.

Elmer Kreller had 16 goals and 25 assists last year. This season, thus far, he has six goals and 17 assists to his credit.

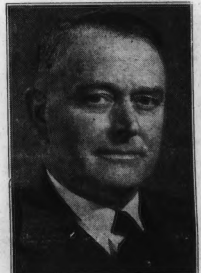
The team as a whole has scored 114 goals and 88 assists and appears headed for a better season than last.

Happy Marriage Key To Screen Success, Says Top Actress

HOLLYWOOD — If aspirants to screen stardom take Barbara Stanwyck's expert advice, they'll make certain they're happily married before attempting an assault on the cinema studios.

A happy hitching, says the lady who married Robert Taylor ten years ago, is one of the main keys to screen success.

"Look at me," invites Barbara at Paramount where she is starring for Hal Wallis in "File On Thelma Jordan." "I've had four nominations for the Academy Award since meeting my husband. I made a lot of movies before that but won not an iota of Academy



recognition." Claude Rains, that stellar character actor who recently completed "Rope of Sand," agrees.

"I'd done a great many plays but achieved little of what I call success before meeting my wife 15 years ago," he confesses. "A happy marriage is a great aid to an actor. It gives him a poise he would otherwise lack. And I know I have culled a great deal of wisdom from my wife."

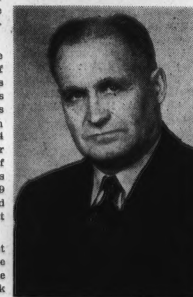
Both Miss Stanwyck and Rains agree that a normally successful marriage gives the participants a certain serenity which is a particular boon to an actor.

PEACE OF MIND

"This peace of mind permits an actor freedom of thought and thus he is better able to interpret his roles any way he chooses," says Rains. "If an actor's mind is troubled by domestic issues he cannot concentrate properly on his job, and an actor unable to concentrate is liable to be a poor actor."

As proof for her contention, Miss Stanwyck points to such teams as Jack Benny and Mary Livingston, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine, Fredric March and Florence Eldridge — all at the top of the ladder and all successfully married.

The largest oil refinery in the British Commonwealth is at Sarnia, Ont. It has a daily average capacity of 53,000 barrels.



Although Senator Stambaugh has represented Alberta in the Senior Chamber for only a few months he has already proven a worthy servant of the people. He has given his attention to a multitude of tasks in the interests of his province since his Senate appointment.

In addition the member from Bruce has carried on his duties as president of the Alberta Liberal Federation. He has returned to Alberta now to spend the holiday season with his family at Bruce.

Alberta Grain Winners At Toronto And Chicago

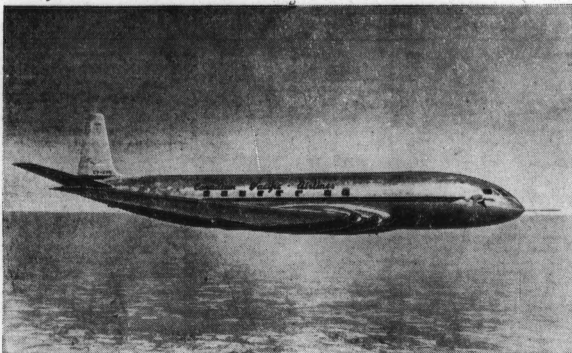
For the first time since 1939 the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club work arranged a special display at the Royal Winter Fair this year to accommodate entries of grain, potatoes and corn exhibited by junior members from each province.

J. D. Moore, Public Relations officer for the council reports that competition was keen, and mentions the special interest aroused by the exhibit of Thatcher Wheat prepared by R. Sharpe of the Drumheller Grain Club.

This exhibit not only took first in its class, but in competition with the winners of the open classes it placed its owner in the position of Reserve World's Wheat King. This is the first time that such a high honor has gone to a junior club member.

In the spring wheat class, Alberta juniors took the top 18 placings. The first five were R. Sharpe, Munson; H. R. Roppel, Rockyford; I. Borwick, Drumheller; Marjorie Lelake, Beesker; B. Hendricks, Rockyford.

The juniors from this province



Canadian Pacific Air Lines have ordered two 500-mile-an-hour deHavilland Comet jet-propelled liners, pictured above, for service from Vancouver to Tokyo and Hong Kong. The jet planes, first to be ordered by a North American air line, will be delivered in 1952. It is announced by G. W. G. McCoskie, president of C.P.A. Powered by four deHavilland Ghost jet engines, the plane cruises at an altitude of 49,000 feet, almost eight miles, and will be able to carry 48 passengers from Vancouver to Tokyo, 4,700 miles, in 10 hours with two stops for refuelling.

also did well in the oat and barley classes. In the Early White oat class, Alberta took the three top placings, and the first and third place in the late to medium oat class. In the barley class Albertans took the two top placings.

The order of placing in the oats and barley classes was as follows: Early White oats—H. D. Unruh, Vauxhall; N. Frederick, Busby; H. Mirus, Busby. Late to Medium White oats—N. Boulton, Abee (1st); J. McNabb, Beaverlodge (3rd). Barley, 6-rowed—V. Lewis, Bon Accord; R. Yacoshin, Eckville.

Several of these exhibits went down to the Chicago International Hay and Grain Show where they were shown in the open classes. The exhibits of Alberta club members and former club members at the Chicago show placed as follows:

Red Spring Wheat—R. Sharpe, Munson (3rd); S. J. Allap, Red Deer (6th); M. Lelake, Beesker (7th); H. Roppel, Rockyford (8th); B. Hendricks, Rockyford (11th); S. Borwick, Drumheller (11th); L. Masoon, Warner (18th).

Oats—S. Pawlowski, Spedden (Championship); W. Skladan, Andrew (2nd); J. Boulton, Abee (3rd); G. Moyer, Elmworth (5th); N. Boulton, Abee (6th); N. Frederick, Busby (8th); J. McNabb, Beaverlodge (11th); H. Unruh, Vauxhall (12th); H. Mirus, Busby (15th).

Barley, Six-Rowed—R. Yacoshin, Eckville (14th); V. Lewis, Bon Accord (15th).

Why Weeds Persist

While much has been said of the merits of 2-4-D in weed control, A. M. Wilson, Alberta's Field Crops Commissioner, points out that neither chemicals nor timely cultivation can be expected to effect marked improvement in the weed situation unless more attention is paid to the type of seed that goes into the ground.

A seed drill survey made last spring by Municipal Service Board officials showed that 50 to 70 per cent of the seed sown by Alberta farmers was of rejected grade. This means that many farmers are still planting noxious weeds uniformly over their entire crop area, and then spending considerable sums of money in an endeavor to control them. The solution to this, says Mr. Wilson, is to exercise more care in cleaning seed.

The fanning mill is one of the most valuable machines on the farm is properly used. Efficient operation consists basically of careful choice of screens, controlling the speed of operation, and preventing overloading of grain on the sieves. Where centralized cleaning plants and portable seed cleaners are available, these can be used to advantage.

If every farmer in Alberta paid strict attention to the type of seed he sows, the saving in money and time would be tremendous.

So, Elwyn's All Het Up

DES MOINES, Iowa.—Elwyn Pearson's plan for getting rid of wasps proved more painful than stings. The wasps had been stinging his stock in the pasture. He discovered the nest in a large gas pipe used as a fence brace. Pearson threw gasoline into the pipe and lit a match. There was a blast which threw fire over him, resulting in burns that required hospital attention.

Cops Put Bite On Howler

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Those weren't wolf calls echoing through Hollywood streets. Just 50 varieties of dog howls. Police arrested actor Dean Hall, who makes his living barking like a dog in the movies. Booked on suspicion of drunkenness, Hall told officers he can imitate 50 breeds. Fellow prisoners said he kept them awake all night proving it.

Alberta Agricultural Engineering Committee

A survey of irrigation cost figures and the assembling of information for a bulletin on the use of tillage machines in Alberta were two projects that received attention when members of the Alberta Agricultural Engineering Committee met in Edmonton on Nov. 18 and 19. Made up of agricultural engineers of Dominion, Provincial and University services operating in Alberta, this committee provides guidance for the farmers of the province in machinery selection, maintenance and use.

Since 1946, when the committee was first organized, the number of members has increased from five to 16. During that time progress has been made in the solution of a number of problems from farm engineering angle, and in making the knowledge available the man on the land.

Methods of legume seed harvesting have been investigated, a bulletin on one-way disc maintenance and operation has been prepared and distributed, and the place of a variety of machines on Alberta farms has been considered. The Alberta Agricultural Engineering committee was also responsible for the rules and procedure of the tiller competitions which are becoming increasingly popular.

With the rapid change to power farming more and more expert guidance is required. The training and experience of the members of the Alberta Agricultural Engineering Committee place them in a position to furnish such guidance.

Thieves Solve A Bill Problem

DECATUR, Ill.—Thieves who broke into Ed Gentry's grocery store here didn't swipe any money. But apparently they don't want any bills sent on the first of the month. Gentry reported to police the theft of all his charge slips. They also left without charging the following items: 10 pounds of bacon, eight pounds of butter, one ring of bologna, three pairs of twosies, five pounds spiced ham, and three decks of playing cards.

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Kiss Operator Gets Unmasked

CHICAGO.—The U.S. Employment Service has a new book out—the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

It identifies such peculiar jobs as a kiss-machine operator, horser-up, pulpit-man and end man, along with a lot of other queer-sounding jobs among its 25,000 definitions of occupations common in this country and more than 40,000 titles by which the jobs are known. The USES says the volume covers 85 per cent of the jobs which Americans hold.

A kiss-machine operator, you'll be relieved to learn, is a man who runs a gadget that wraps candy kisses.

The horser-up is the man who

hangs hides over sawhorses in tanneries.

The pulpit-man isn't a preacher. He works in a rolling mill and the enclosure in which he stands is known as a pulpit.

And the end-man has nothing to do with football or show business. He works in the iron and steel industry.

Oops, Sorry!

MIDLAND, Tex.—A red-faced train crew took a round of taunting from fellow-workers here for losing 12 freight cars without knowing it. The crew, manning a Texas and Pacific diesel train, were unaware they had lost part of their train in a freak derailment near here until they pulled into the Midland yards.



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The reason for this is easy to understand. If your seed has been grown on plants that were low in some one ingredient or if the soil in which that seed is planted is low in any one of the ingredients above, you will get excellent profits from using a balanced liquid fertilizer, such as a 5-10-5 solution.

Of course, your first question is: "How can I tell whether my seed is good?" You can't tell until you plant it and it comes up.

The second question is: "How can I tell whether my soil is good?" This is less difficult because you can test the soil. However, with the possibility that both the seed and soil are bad, you are safe in assuming that at least 60 per cent of the time you will get a response to seed treatment.

The best advice is to try it on a part of your acreage and see what happens. You have a chance of getting increases from 10 to 300 per cent. This is based on experimental results. However, nobody can tell you beforehand whether you will or will not get results, because you can't tell from looking at your soil or your seed.

Since there is more than a 50-50 chance that you will get a response, it is good insurance to use a 5-10-5 liquid solution. And the cost is low.

Our yields of crops are limited by weather conditions—temperature, sunshine and rainfall. Some years we get higher average yields than others. For instance, if you can only get 20 bushels of wheat per acre on the best soil in a given year, you can't expect fertilizer to boost your crop beyond that yield.

But if your soil only yields 10 bushels, it means you have a

chance to get that extra 20 bushels by supplying the missing ingredients. It may be that only one (nitrogen) is missing, or it may mean that they are all low. If they are all low, you can expect to get a substantial increase in yield with a small amount of fertilizer.

There are ways in which you can increase yields. You can use either dry or solution fertilizer. The fertilizer in water will give you an increase in yield with about one-fourth as much plant food as when used dry.

A liquid fertilizer may be used in this manner on small grain seeds.

When mixing the fertilizer with the seed, a fine spray may be used while the seed is being shovelled over. This method provides adequate aeration, since there is plenty of air around the individual seeds. This method will give better germination.

Suggested method of application is to use one gallon of a 5-10-5 solution to eight bushels of small grain seed, such as wheat, rye, barley and oats. After spraying seed, spread out well and allow to dry at normal room temperature. The seed is then ready for planting.

When comparing this method of soaking the seed with a nutrient solution against seed soaked in water, or when sown dry, watch for the difference in rate of germination, uniformity of growth, rate of seedling growth, number of tillers, their color, and finally in the yield of the grain.

Unless you have been getting exceptionally good yields of wheat, oats, rye and barley, you will want to use liquid fertilizer solutions every year.

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Two Teeth For Christmas

COLUMBUS, Ind.—Mrs. Alice Stamm has her two front teeth in plenty of time for Christmas, thanks to Justice of the Peace Irven King.

She filed a suit in his court demanding that Joseph Wheelden, also of Columbus, return her partial plate, containing the two front teeth.

Wheelden claimed he paid \$20 to have the teeth made and that, since Mrs. Stamm had never paid him, he should lawfully keep them. Justice King ruled otherwise and a deputy sheriff recovered the teeth.

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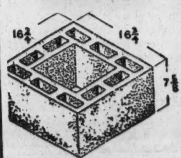
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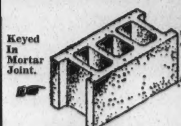
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Comics Make Children Behave Like Parents

Comic books make children behave like their parents, and that is bad, a psychologist said here. Most comics let children escape into an imaginary wonderland of amazing events, instead of helping them to live in their modern age, he said.

Adults live the same way in this age of atom bombs, machines, and gadgets, seeking escapes instead of coming to grips with perplexing problems of the day, Dr. Lawrence A. Averill of State Teachers College, Worcester, Mass., told the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Children, in their fanciful ideas and pretending to be comic-book heroes, just reflect the present age of superlatives," he said. Man has not yet dared to come to grips with basic and imperative questions—of democracy, of family preservation, or morality, of social and political and civic righteousness."

Dr. Averill said 99 per cent of children, in one study, admired and identified themselves with the heroes in the comics. That is a wholesome sign, he said.

The main psychological damage is probably mainly from the crime, horror, hate and fear type of comics, he added.

Of 2,881 Massachusetts children, 96 per cent said they liked to read comic magazines.

One-third said they liked those in which the heroes or heroines were brave, heroic, good fighters, pretty, or handsome.

Thirty per cent liked those with funny or exciting situations. Ten per cent liked cowboy themes. Eight per cent preferred books in which the heroes or heroines were

kind, true friends, moral, or modest. Only 2 per cent said they liked the comics because they were educational.

Comics have been criticized bitterly, and also defended. Dr. Averill said, but "there is no more reason to link the comic magazines causatively with juvenile waywardness and crime than to the movies, the radio, or the more sensational and erotic literature of the day."

"All of these agencies follow at times the same or a similar pattern; none of them is free of tainting with the salacious, the erotic, the blasé, the bloodcurdling, and the sinister."

TICKLED PINK?

The aces among Scotland's salmon poaching fraternity have been known to tickle salmon to death. They catch one laying close to shore, tickle it back of the gills and start a nervous condition which makes the salmon rigid. Then they scoop it out of the water.

Income tax revenue in 1943 from individuals in Canada was 481.1 million dollars; from corporations, 348 million. Budget estimates for 1950 are 591 million from individuals; 558 million from corporations. In the same period revenue from succession duties increased from 13.3 million dollars to 26 million.

NAME LINKED WITH F.D.R. SON



—Central Press Canadian
Night club singer Georgeanne Durston, seen frequently with Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late president, has hinted she may be—some day—Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt No. 4. At present, Elliott and his third wife, Faye Emerson, are separated.

LEVELAND NEWS

LEVELAND—A Christmas tree and concert was held in the S.D.A. hall on December 29.

Marjorie Leiske has received a cheque and award ribbon from the International Livestock Exposition and Grain and Hay Show held at the Union Stock Yards in Chicago, Ill., for her wheat sample.

25th Wedding Anniversary

LEVELAND—On Sunday, Dec. 11 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roth were surprised by the arrival of their children to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They were the recipients of a beautiful 12-piece set of Lady Hamilton silverware.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth are in good health and look after their own work as well as help their neighbors.

\$1,500,000 Damage Claim Is Significant Action

The action of three Leduc farmers each asking \$500,000 damage claims to their quarter-sections is significant in the minds of oil men and legal counsel. The spotlight in the action will be on the technicality of whether natural gas is automatically included with petroleum and mineral rights.

Three owners of the 160-acre farms located in the Leduc oil fields, who claimed the natural gas rights on their property, have filed separate damage claims totalling \$1,500,000 against the Canadian Pacific Railway and Imperial Oil Ltd., in Supreme Court.

The individual plaintiffs are John Hamals, Leduc district, Jos Rilozer, Calmar and John Kobylak, Glendhurst.

They asked the court for judgment declaring each to be the owner of the natural gas within, upon, or under, their respective farms, for an injunction restraining the CPR and Imperial Oil from drilling for, using or wasting the natural gas, and for \$500,000 damages each.

The land in question was originally owned by the CPR and when the company sold the land it retained the rights to coal, petroleum and valuable stone upon the respective properties.

The CPR has leased the petroleum rights to Imperial Oil and both claimed that the word "petroleum" included natural gas. The three farmers claimed that natural gas was an entirely separate product and alleged that Imperial Oil had threatened to drill and use the natural gas without any agreement.

BEISEKER NEWS

BEISEKER.—Midnight mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Christmas Eve. A large congregation attended.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hunter and family of Calgary spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Olsen. Mrs. Hunter is the latter's sister.

Mr. Don Smith and Miss V. Hagel spent Christmas at the home of the former's parents at Vernon, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zacher have a new son, born recently at Linden Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ki Killen had their Christmas dinner in Rockford with Fr. Killen. Other guests present at the dinner included Mr. A. Diebert and family of Calgary.

Miss Phyllis Velker of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moore and family are holidaying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Velker, Sr.

The Christmas Dance, Dec. 26, was well attended. It was sponsored by the hall committee. A nice lunch was served in the basement at midnight.

Messrs. Walker and Tom Berry of Calgary were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hagel on Christmas day. They are brothers of Mrs. Hagel.

The farm of Mr. Andrew Schmalz was the first to be connected with the Calgary Power Rural Electrification.

Acme's new hall is nearing completion. The hardwood floor is being laid this week. It will be ready for their New Year's dance on Jan. 2.

Florence Hagel, Leonard Schmalz, Emmanuel Hagel and Leonard Hagel are all home from their respective schools enjoying the holiday break.

Raymond Schmalz spent a few days in hospital for treatments on his knee he injured playing rugby this fall.

Ed. Schwartzberger is planning on putting shock absorbers on his car doors. On Sunday a front door was torn from his car when it was in collision with Wendel Schmalz's truck. This is the second time recently that Mr. Schwartzberger has had door trouble.

The Dave Langs have another boy, born recently in a Calgary hospital.

The curling and skating rinks are near completion.

A number of Beiseker curlers attended the opening bonspiel in the new curling rink at Swallow.

Miss Veronica Hagel who is taking her holidays from the Royal Bank, spent a few days in Edmonton visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don Fischer.

Little Charlotte Rempel celebrated her fourth birthday on Monday, Dec. 12. To mark the occasion she entertained a number of her small friends.

Main street in Beiseker never looked so gay as it does this Yuletide. The store windows are beautifully decorated for the occasion.



Dr. F. J. Greaney
Director
Lias Elevators Farm Service.

A Permanent Prairie Agriculture

Permanency in agriculture is the goal that every farmer in Western Canada should work toward in 1950, and in the years ahead. It means an agriculture that is stable and secure for farm and farmer. It is a goal to be sought if Western Canada is to maintain its position as one of the major food-producing areas of the world.

It Can Be Done. Undoubtedly the most important factor leading to permanency in agriculture is the proper use and care of the soil. Our prairie soils are being depleted constantly by losses from erosion, and by crops that are being continually removed from them. The losses can be checked through the wise application of our knowledge about soil conservation, and through the use by western farmers of soil management and cropping practices that insure sustained production. In almost every community in the Prairie Provinces, farm practices have been devised, and are being used successfully by individual farmers, to prevent losses from soil erosion. In other words, it can be done.

Many Problems Solved. Tremendous strides have been made in recent years in bringing soil erosion under control. The farmer of today can offset, and on some soils more than offset, the factors of soil deterioration by the factors of soil improvement. To accomplish the balance between these forces he has many aids and practices: Crop rotation, green-manure crops, natural and mineral fertilizers, cropping, shelter belts, late cover-crops on summerfallow, the cultivation of only with last soles cultivators that leave churning crop-refuse on the surface. And for the inclusion with all these—as a part of them, in fact—he has forage crops. Around forage crops, prairie farmers can best organize as to permit efficient farm practices that lead to the desired goal—permanency in agriculture.

We have enough good land left in this country to keep us prosperous if we conserve the while using it. But we must conserve it now—not next year, but in 1950. Yes, everybody in Western Canada has a stake in a permanent prairie agriculture.

Children Are Dancing at "Hellfire Corner"—



—But Their Parents Have Not Forgotten

THE ANCIENT CASTLE of Dover, Kent, is on the hill in the right background as children dance before their new school, one of three opened recently on the corner of the English coast that became famous as "Hellfire Corner" during the war because of the bombing and shelling it received. With schools such as this, designed to give the maximum of light and air, and new homes rising from bomb rubble, Dover is recovering. But older Britons have not forgotten when they faced the Nazi onslaught; the picture on the left that is so reminiscent of those days was taken recently at a civil defence training center at Easingwold, Yorkshire. Air raid wardens are being taught to remove a "casualty" by tunnelling through debris. In an "atomic village" a mass of desolate masonry, rubble and haze, the school site teaches how to search for radioactive material of atom warfare.

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St. Mary's Parish Holds Concert

BEISEKER — Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, the parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic church gathered in the Beiseker hall to enjoy the concert prepared by the children. Rev. Fr. A. E. Tennant acted as chairman. A program of approximately 15 numbers was very well given.

Gifts were presented to the Misses Cox and McDonald, Mr. Bunyan and Mrs. E. B. Hagel in appreciation of their teaching of catechism to the children.

Fr. Tennant was presented with a gift from the C.Y.O. and from the C.W.L.

Santa Claus came in preceded by one red-nosed reindeer of the Beiseker Concert Band.

Gifts of treats were received for the Providence creche in Calgary.

Beiseker Board Efforts Lauded

BEISEKER — N. P. Bell, district agriculturist of Drumheller, was the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Board of Trade and Lions Club here Monday night. Mr. Bell spoke on the value of a board of trade in promotion of junior clubs.

He stressed the high standing of the Beiseker club and urged presidents to promote its work.

Pete Propoyak of Imperial Oil Limited spoke on the properties and uses of asphalt. This talk was of considerable interest as members are considering the need for surfacing streets. Mr. Propoyak presented a film showing the discovery and development of Leduc oil field.

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Party Officer Loses Mother

EDMONTON — Miss Mary Scullion, secretary of the Edmonton Liberal Association, is beloved of her mother, Mr. M. Scullion, who passed away in Edmonton, Tuesday, January 3rd.

Born in Springburn, Scotland, Mrs. Scullion came to Edmonton in 1919. For many years she played an active part in hospital welfare work here as a member of the Catholic Women's League. She was a member of the Altar Society of St. Andrew's Church.

Funeral was held Thursday from Connely-McKinley chapel and St. Andrew's Church where Rev. Mark E. Murphy officiated.

Mrs. Scullion leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Mary Scullion, another daughter, Mrs. Ray Ohlsen, of Red Deer, and two brothers and one sister in the Old Country.

Seal Sale Totals \$105,000

One hundred and five thousand dollars has been collected in the Alberta Christmas seal sale to date. "We are still \$50,000 short of our 1949 objective," said George G. Eaton, president of the Alberta Tuberculosis Association, "but we know there are many more thousands of Albertans who intend to send us a contribution. We hope they will remember to send it soon, so that we may reach our objective by the end of the year."

Selkirk Hotel Sale Reported \$450,000

A group of five businessmen, reportedly one from South Edmonton, are said to be purchasing the Selkirk hotel, corner 101 street and Jasper avenue, for a sum reported to be \$450,000.

While the deal has not yet been closed, it is reliably reported that the sale will go through for that amount.

When questioned about the transaction, Robert McDonald, who manages the premises for his mother, who is proprietress, said a deal was pending and he expected it would materialize. He reported that three of the group interested were from out of town.

Selkirk hotel is one of the city's landmarks, being erected in 1910. At that time it was known as the Windsor hotel, and when the late Robert McDonald purchased the property he renamed it Selkirk and built an addition to the premises.

Five business establishments are located in the building. They are Johnson's Cafe, Irving Kline Jeweller, Dunn Tailors, Silk-Lina and Jack Hays Taxi.

Most of these firms are said to have leases on their locations and it is hardly likely that the change in ownership will have any bearing on them, at least for the time being.

Rumors have been circulating around that the new owners planned to do but he believed that the firms located in the building would remain at least as long as their leases were in force.

School Concert And Christmas Treat

McMURRAY — The combined classes of the separate, public and high school of McMurray held their Christmas concert in the McMurray Community hall on Thursday, Dec. 22, each room offering their special form of entertainment.

The concert was concluded with the combined pupils singing carols, after which Santa came and from the huge Christmas tree gave treats to the children. The hall was crowded to capacity.

Sliding or tobogganing behind automobiles, skating or ice-boating on lakes and rivers should be avoided after dark for danger increases as darkness falls.



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Mannix Construction Starts Work on Imperial Oil Pipeline

Work on Imperial Oil Company pipeline between Edmonton and Regina is underway.

Mannix Construction who will contract 125 miles of the line between Edmonton and Hardisty will commence clearing a right of way this week.

Tommy McLeod of the construction firm, arrived in Edmonton this week and before the week-end said he expected to be started clearing the right-of-way.

McLeod said he would unload equipment by Friday and would likely have a bulldozer operating the same day.

Art Willis, Mannix Construction caterpillar operator, said he expected to go to work some Friday. He will commence clearing at West Salisbury.

A South Edmonton resident, Tommy is well known in the city and is an older brother of Danny McLeod. He, like his father and uncle, have engaged in the construction business for years.

Like Danny, he was a starry hockey player in his younger days and also coached several midget and juvenile hockey clubs in the early thirties. He also acted as referee in the same days.

New British Cars at Earls Court International Show in London



This picture shows the new Humber Super Snipe saloon exhibited at the recent Earls Court Show in London. The car is in the fast-luxury class with a top-gear performance from 5 mph to 80 mph and the restyled body and wings bring its appearance into line with the most modern trend. The chassis is 3 1/2 inches longer than before and the track 3 inches wider at the front and 5 inches wider at the rear, giving more capacious body space. Three passengers can now be seated in comfort both at the front and rear. The power unit is a 6-cylinder engine developing 100 hp at 2,400 rpm. Separate side lights have been fitted beneath the headlamps in accordance with overseas requirements and in the model shown there is a power-operated glass division behind the front seat.

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Numbers Used For Canada's Eskimos

(From The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Mass.)
Fashion note from the Arctic: Well-dressed Eskimo women now are wearing numbers.
According to information reaching here from patrolling constables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the numbers are placed on caribou-skin clothing in the fine beadwork for which the Eskimo women are famous.
This new fashion in Eskimo clothing is due to the Canadian program under which mothers are given an allowance of about \$5 a month for each child under 16.
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ESKIMOS LIKE NUMBERS
But for the nomadic Eskimos, receiving payment is not so simple. For one thing, few white men can make much sense of Eskimo names. So the Canadian government devised a system of numbering the Eskimos, and issuing disks which the Eskimos are supposed to carry with them at all times.
The Eskimos have become so fond of their numbers, according to the latest reports, that they embroider them on their clothing, together with the Royal Crown that appears on each fibre disk.

The numbers are prefixed with the letter "E" for Eastern Arctic Eskimos and with "W" for those of the Western Arctic. Payment usually is made in goods, through the Hudson's Bay Company outposts, administered by the mounted police.

DESCRIPTIVE NAMES
The disk numbers have provided a solution to the problem of indexing Eskimo names, according to family allowance officials here. When the program was instituted in 1945, the problem of keeping track of the Eskimos had bookkeepers in despair.
They found that instead of family names, Eskimos have one or several individual names.

Regardless of sex, Eskimo babies bear the name of some late relative or friend. Thus there are boys called "Ar-Na-Tiak" (the Pretty Girl) or girls named "An-Goo-Ti-Djuak" (the Big Man), Christian Eskimos name little boys "Teresa" and little girls "Joseph."

What Happened?

SPOKANE, Wash.—No explanation was offered by the mailman who delivered a postcard addressed to Dr. D. Mason here. It announced a Knights Templar meeting and was postmarked March 13, 1912.

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An Army Repeater

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Now, at 17, he has done it again. This time it's for keeps—or rather for 20 years. Then he'll be able to retire and see the world.

Here's Answer To \$30,000 Question

CHICAGO—For 25 years, since he came to Chicago from Norway, Ole Finmark, 67, repeatedly had written his wife, Martha, 67, to join him. Sometimes he sent passage money, which over the years amounted to \$30,000. Each time she would reply: "Norway for me. You can have America."
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Ham On Hoof Gets Him Car

BRIGHTON, Ill. — Ham on the hoof served Bernard Taul, local farmer, as the major part of a down payment on his automobile. Taul, 24, lacked enough cash for that first outlay, but he did have some hogs. He gave Lawrence Kinkie, used car salesman, \$50 in cash and told him to pick out any four of his 15 registered

porkers as the rest of the down payment.

C. C. Smith, owner of the motor sales firm, valued the hogs at \$150, figuring \$200 had been deposited. Taul drove off in a 1935 1941 machine, signing a note for \$395.

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Seeing's Believing

SEATTLE, Wash.—Daphne Tichey called the sheriff to report she had reason to believe "someone was peeping at her." Investigating deputies agreed. They said a path was worn across the lawn from the sidewalk to Daphne's bedroom window.

Nets \$35 Bounty On Hit-Run Victim

TRENTON, Mo.—Clifford Betz, driving his tractor along a road near here, saw blood on the ground. He followed the trail of blood and found a dead coyote that apparently had been hit by an automobile.

There is a regular \$10 bounty on coyotes in Grundy County and farmers in Myers township pay an extra \$25. Betz hauled the coyote to town and collected \$35.

"Nice pick-up money," he remarked.

Cakes For The Freezer

One advantage of the home freezer or locker is that baking for holiday entertainment can be done early. Fancy breads, cakes, cookies, candies, tarts and pies prepared and frozen well ahead of the event need only be reheated or reheated the day they are to be used.

Mrs. Vers Macdonald, supervisor of the Home Economics Division, Alberta Department of Agriculture, says that any butter cake, freshly baked, will be a good freezer, but cakes with fruit added freeze especially well. The fruit (orange, banana, pineapple, or apple sauce) keep a butter cake moist and keeps it from getting compact in texture during storage. Sponge and angel food cakes freeze beautifully. Spice cakes tend to grow strong in the freezer so it is better to use about half the spice called for.

Christmas fruit cakes seem to improve on freezing. They retain their moisture and do not crumble when sliced after thawing.

Cakes may be frozen in the batter stage, but there is less chance of failure if they are baked before freezing. However, butter will take up less storage space especially if put in waxed cartons rather than cake pans. Use double action baking powder for batters to be frozen. Before baking thaw the batter completely at room temperature.

Baked cakes may be frozen frosted or plain, but it is wise to postpone filling a layer cake until serving time to avoid soggy when thawed. Frosted cakes should be frozen before wrapping. A good cake, well packaged may be stored in the freezer for eight months, and fruit cakes as long as a year.

Directions for freezing baked foods may be obtained from the Home Economics Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

Sweet Tooth

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Police are keeping a sharp eye on local candy counters to spot a prowler with a sweet tooth who broke into a manufacturing plant here. After picking up micrometers, drill bits, and a welding torch, the thief cleaned out all the candy and gum machines in the recreation halls.

Paid Her Way, Then Lost Her

FLINT, Mich.—Suit brought by Thomas G. Duffy, of Detroit, to recover \$1,575 which he "invested" in a war bride who said "no," was started in Circuit Court here.

It cost him that much, Duffy said, to bring Miss Marianne Zunker here from Germany—and then she married H. G. Bourcier, of Flint.

Both men are overseas veterans. Duffy met Miss Zunker in Germany, corresponded with her for several years and then asked her to come to Detroit and marry him, according to his suit. When she arrived last December, he said, she jettied his proposal.

Mrs. Bourcier testified that she did not come to the United States just to marry Duffy, and that she found on seeing him again that she didn't love him. Then she met Bourcier and married him.

The suit is against Bourcier, his wife and mother.

Judge Paul V. Gadola asked counsel to submit briefs.

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The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Each member of the choir carried a

lighted candle as they came in, proceeded down the main aisle, and took their places in the choir loft. These candles which remained lighted throughout the service, together with the candles and tree lights provided the only lighting for the service.

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There is that feeling in the air that makes us forget all our petty little differences during the past year, when every denomination in every country is celebrating the birth of the Christ Child and what it has meant to the world for the past two thousand years, and once again the words "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" ring out over a striving world.

What a meaning these few words have to all men, if men would only make it possible, and they could if they always had the spirit of Christmas in their hearts, and to this end all Lions, throughout the world, and especially Lion members in our little community of Beiseker, wish everybody, everywhere a Happy New Year, and may those few words "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" be not a dream but a fulfillment of all our wishes and prayers.

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